

I would like to express my opposition to the change in ownership rules being advocated by Michael Powell. Unlike Mr Powell, I have spent my entire career working IN the television industry on both the local and national level. Unlike Mr Powell I can offer some real insight on how this ill thought out plan will UNDERSERVE local communities. I can promise you that if ownership restrictions are lifted, even by a little, that THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE BROADCAST INDUSTRY WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS!!! When one looks at the LMA's which currently exists in markets you will find that manpower has been lost/consolidated and the financial gain goes to a handful of top executives. The local community loses because there is less real competition in the marketplace and less opportunity for diversity. The economic impact is negative. Low level employees like Photographers, Editors, Producers, Master Control Operators, Tape Operators, Feed Coordinators, Programmers all lose their jobs. Please do not allow a change in the current regulations. It only benefits the richest of the rich.